

MINUTES
LAKE WICHITA STUDY COMMITTEE
November 12, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stephen Garner, Chairman
Clayton Lane, Vice Chair
Penny Miller, Secretary
Sam Bownds
Nic Brissette
Nancy Heath Howell
Jennifer Ojeda
Larry Scott
Tom Lang, Ex-Officio

■ Members

Jack Murphy, Director of Parks and Recreation
Miles Risley, City Attorney
Davis Powell, City Engineer
Pat Hoffman, Property Administrator
Monique Coleman

■ Staff

Councilor Brian Hooker

■ Council Liaison

Pete Gill, Lakeside City Homeowner's Group
Brandon Shiplet
Poney Thompson

■ Guests

ABSENT:

Michael Chapman

■ Members

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Steve Garner called the meeting to order and all members, staff and guests introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

Penny Miller moved the minutes of the September meeting be approved. Nancy Howell seconded. Minutes were approved.

III. Results of Lake Wichita Survey

Steve Garner, Monique Coleman and Jack Murphy have reviewed the results of the public Lake Wichita survey. There were 272 respondents in less than a month.

A summary of the results follow:

Question 1: Do you feel a developed Lake Wichita would be an economic benefit to the community?

256 Yes, 11 No (96% Yes)

Question 2: How often do you frequent area lakes?

36% Weekly, 40% Monthly, 25% Yearly

Question 3: Would you take advantage of a viable Lake Wichita?

97.4% Yes

Question 4: Which of the following activities will interest you?

47% Camping

51.6% Swimming

31% Kayaking

47% Personal watercraft

50% Wildlife observation

35% Cycling

31% Birdwatching

71% Fishing

59% Boating

25% Paddleboating

14.5% Wind surfing

56% Picnicking

63% Walking/Jogging

46% Beach activities

Question 5: What other urban lake activities would you like to experience at Lake Wichita that you have enjoyed at other locations?

122 respondents gave examples

Question 6: Any other comments?

104 comments

IV. Guest Presentation

Mr. Brandon Shippet gave a presentation about a possible Watersport Complex. 35% of the Wichita Falls population is in the 15 - 34 year age group and these sports are very popular to this age group. The nearest such parks are in Oklahoma City and in Fort Worth. He showed many examples of the water sports which are a part of these complexes.

V. Other Items

Pat Hoffman said that the City is buying properties on the east side of the lake as properties become available. There are 27 parcels in the area between the boat ramp and the dam; the City has purchased 4. The estimated value of the remaining parcels is 1 to 1.5 M dollars. The current Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) indicates a \$2.5 M budget, which includes improvements such as parking and utilities.

Discussion of a presentation to City Council followed. Jack Murphy indicated his feeling was the City Council is looking for a broad brush plan with funding amounts and sources.

The committee decided to make the December meeting a "super meeting" to allow time to work on a presentation. The committee agreed to 1:00 – 5:00 PM on December 10. The purpose is to develop a consolidated final proposal.

Nic Brissette gave out a detailed watershed map. Lake Wichita has a small drainage area. He has talked to some possible donors on the exploration drilling.

Tom Lang suggested we request an economic impact evaluation from an economist. It was suggested the Lyndsay Greer, CVB, may be able to help with an economic impact estimate.

Pat Hoffman will get with the Appraisal District for input on the possible impact on property values and the tax base.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.



Stephen Garner, Chairperson

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